
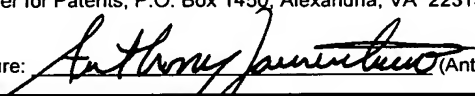
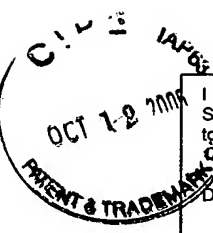




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Invention: BALANCED MECHANICAL SEAL ASSEMBLY					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 12 2005 (Paper No. 070805), finally rejecting claims 1 and 4-7 please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.